Title: Reference made to the passing away of Shri Krishan Lal Sharma (Member of Eleventh and Twelfth Lok Sabha) on 17th December, 1999.

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, I have to inform the House of the sad demise of one of our esteemed former colleagues Shri Krishan Lal Sharma.

Shri Krishan Lal Sharma was a Member of Eleventh and Twelfth Lok Sabha from 1996 to April 1999 representing Outer Delhi Parliamentary Constituency of National Capital Territory of Delhi. Earlier, he was a Member of Rajya Sabha from 1990 to 1996.

An able Parliamentarian, Shri Sharma was member of various Parliamentary Committees during his tenure of Membership of Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha. He was the Chairman of the Committee on Subordinate Legislation from 1996 to 1999. He took keen interest in the proceedings of the House and made valuable contributions thereto.

An active social worker, Shri Sharma was deeply involved in the social upliftment programmes for the weaker and downtrodden sections of the society. He kept special interest in the poverty alleviation programmes in helping the harassed and helpless persons.

A widely travelled person, Shri Sharma was a member of Indian Delegation to Inter-Parliamentary Union Conference to Mauritius.

As a veteran freedom fighter, Shri Sharma actively participated in the Freedom Movement and helped in the relief and rehabilitation work of refugees from Pakistan. He had also been involved in the Kashmir Movement in 1953 and Bangladesh Liberation Movement during 1970-71. A renowned social worker, Shri Sharma made valuable contributions during the crises of terrorism in Punjab and Jammu & Kashmir.

Shri Krishan Lal Sharma passed away in the early hours today in Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, New Delhi at the age of 74.

We deeply mourn the loss of this friend and I am sure the House will join me in conveying our condolences to the bereaved family.

The House may now stand in silence for a short while as a mark of respect to the memory of the departed soul.

11.04 hrs.

(The Members then stood in silence for a short while.)